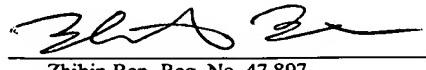


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated June 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper